REMARKS

Applicant hereby cancels claims 37-39 and 43 without prejudice. Claims 46-48 have been withdrawn. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, claim 44 remains in the application and is on appeal in the attached Brief on Appeal.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claim is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone, Examiner Van is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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